

NEWS FROM ALL OVER IMPERIAL MISSOURI

Interesting Happenings Which Have Taken Place In the Greatest State in the Union

The Product of the Scissors, the Pen and a Very Little Actual Labor

Charles Cobb Rice, 31 years old, oldest native citizen of Johnson county, died at his home in Warrensburg Friday.

James Harmer, south of Delfield, had a 300-pound hog which he had killed and dressed and left on his back porch stolen one night last week.

Ray county is boasting of one of her farmers who raised 440 bushels of corn on six acres of land this year, an average of 80 bushels to the acre.

Governor Gardner has appointed Shelby E. Thurman presiding judge of the county court of Clinton county in the place of J. W. Everett, who died recently.

Mrs. Jane Owenby, 92 years old, was burned to death in a fire Friday

morning that destroyed the home of Meredith Smith of Callao.

Morgan Hapley last week sold his farm near Hardin for \$300 an acre, the record price for Ray county land, after which the Hapley family moved to Richmond.

The only people in the state who seem utterly deaf to Governor Gardner's frequent assertions that he is not a candidate for senator are his editor, appointees.

A California steer charged a motorcycle, broke up the machine and chased the rider a mile. California steers taken on subscription at this office.—Sarasota Record.

Nelson Hill is editor of the Richmond News and Ernest Daise is news

editor. Most any county seat paper ought to be able to cover its county with a Hill and Daise combination.

Otis Langsull, 18-year-old son of Melvin Langsull of Tibbets, was killed Thursday when a shotgun he was carrying was accidentally discharged. He had been on a Thanksgiving Day hunt.

Plasterers at Kansas City surprised the striking world by refusing last week to strike for \$9 a day when they were getting \$8 per day, although the union ordered them out but they didn't go out.

Thos. O. Mosby farm, a mile south of Hopkins, was sold Monday to R. A. Turner of Stanberry, the price paid being \$1212.50 an acre. This is the farm that Harry Dalby bought a few months ago at \$285 an acre.

In order to help relieve the shortage of fuel in Maryville, 300 tons of coal were released by the board of education of the county seat schools and distributed in half ton lots to consumers.

A Higginsville inquirer asked the Jeffersonian the meaning of "the zero hour" and Editor Folgate replies it has been his observation that it is the time just before the dawn when the phone rings and wakes baby and then central says it's the wrong number.

After reading that this year's pecan crop is the greatest in history, the Moberly Democrat ran out and priced

pecans and found them higher than ever before "owing to the shortage this year."

Ex-Senator Wilfley, in a speech in Mexico, Wednesday, urged that A. P. Green be the Democratic nominee for governor. Mr. Green is president of perhaps the largest brick company in the state, and would be well supplied with campaign material.

On Wednesday, as Geo. W. Seaman was crossing a temporary bridge on a farm just south of Brownsville with a wagon load of corn, the bridge fell in with him, killing him and one of the horses he was driving.

When relatives came to straighten up the affairs of the late Mrs. A. McGuire of Kirksville, they discovered \$11,000 in currency and \$2,000 in gold hidden in old almanacs, books and under rugs and mattresses.

The enthusiastic young Republican who suggested Col. Carl Ristine as a Republican candidate for governor failed to take into consideration the trifling detail that Colonel Ristine is a pretty staunch Democrat and once ran for office on the Democratic ticket.

A certain wealthy resident of Creighton was on his way to Osceola some days ago, and was arrested for speeding, being fined \$10 for his offense. He pulled out a large green roll and tendered a \$50 bill, but when the officer started to make change, he asked him back, "Just keep the whole amount," he ordered. "I expect to pass through here again on my way back tomorrow."

The Kirksville Express claims a record on the presentation of the D. S. C. to three citizens of Adair county in Kirksville last Saturday. "It is doubtful if any other town of less than one hundred thousand population ever had or ever will have such a triple presentation," it asserts. Still, Kirksville looks only ninety-odd thousand of having that number.

Did you ever before hear of a revival meeting giving way for a circus show? Well, that's just what happened last week in Hopkins when the meeting dismissed Friday night and everybody went to the high school circus.

People's ideas of success differ widely. Up in Princeton, a man who recently paid a high price for a coon dog says he is more than satisfied because, though he has not yet captured any coons he "has been successful in running down several possums and a number of skunks."

Robert Hicks, 35 years old, who is said to have made a confession at Chehalis, Wash., these months ago that he had murdered his 15-year-old daughter at the Hicks home near Lebanon, Mo., twenty-five years ago, was acquitted at his trial in the circuit court at Hermitage, Hickory county.

The big time-lock screw safe at the Paris Savings Bank went wrong one day last week and could not be opened. An expert from St. Louis happened to open it in two weeks. The safe contains about \$400,000 cash and bonds and notes.

Through the efforts of its chamber of commerce, Carthage is to have a good new hotel which will be named the Drake—not, as one might conclude, in honor of the great freebooter of the Spanish main, but in honor of A. M. Drake, dean of Carthage's business men, who has been in business there fifty-two years.

"Fresh Eggs One Cent Apiece" was the headline in the LaMonte Record which thrilled its own readers, but further on the article reveals itself to be a letter from a Missourian in China. And who would eat a China egg at any price?

Did you ever notice, asks the Deepwater World, that the fellow who totes a bass viol or a big harp aboard the train and lays it carefully across two seats next the door, always finds a seat midway down the car and never has been known to vacate either seat when a car becomes crowded?

If you are thinking of going back to nature, Henry county looks like a good place to go to. A hunter there reports that on one trip recently he saw hawks, wild plums, wild grapes, pawpaws, persimmons, walnuts, hickory nuts and a great many pecans. On the next trip he saw ducks, snipe, quail, doves, rabbits, squirrels and a wolf.

The largest individual land deal in the history of Mississippi county was consummated this week when T. J. Johns, E. Lindsay Brown and Fred Hurst bought 2,700 acres of land in the lower end of the county from W. L. Lee. The price paid for the land was \$300,000.

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a head similar to that on the dime. Our guess is that the hen was trying to lay counterfeit eggs, like some of the storage eggs we've eaten lately.

The Star-Journal intimates that some of the vulgar rich of Warrensburg ostentatiously—or with studied negligence, as authors would have put in back in the days of real books—leave piles of coal standing in the street in front of their dwellings. We wish some of 'em in our neighborhood would try that.

While the erection of the million dollar iron smelter by the Missouri Iron and Steel Corporation near Brandville is the biggest enterprise in Southern Missouri the company is now planning another immense project in the building of a hydro-electric plant at Greer Spring in Oregon county and transmitting the power to their smelter for manufacturing electric steel.

Mrs. W. M. Boettger, 70 years old, of Summerville, was taking her first street car ride Sunday morning on one of the two Southwest Missouri interurban cars which crashed together at Lowell, Kas., and resulted in the injury of thirty-nine persons. Mrs. Boettger was on her way to Miami, Ok. The crash threw her from her seat. She lost her false teeth, but was not injured. Yet she declares her first car ride will be her last.

Community choruses are a new thing for our cities, but seventy years ago "singin' school" was the most general community diversion in rural Missouri and in parts of the Ozarks the singin' school survives. Squire Paul, Henry county's centenarian, relates that the fee there for a course in the school was 50 cents in cash or 100 rails, as there was so little cash in the community that 10-foot rails currently passed for small change. Squire Paul split a hundred rails for himself and a hundred for his sweetheart.

Elder Loos was called on Sunday afternoon to baptize 78 converts at Smithville, who united with the Christian church during the three weeks' revival just closed there, and in which he was assisted by Rev. Mr. Bush of Carrollton. Over 1,000 people lined the banks of Platte river to witness the baptismal service, which Elder Loos performed in an hour and fifteen minutes, having the converts in a double line coming and going.

It is especially true over at Mendon that there is no primrose path to learning. A skunk sauntered into the school there the other day. One intrepid lad is reported to have captur-

ed the earnest but uninvited seeker after knowledge by upsetting a large, well-filled waste basket over it, but not before there were several casualties. Some of the kids got several days of unexpected holiday, but it wasn't any fun—there was nobody to play with.

R. J. Raymond of Chapman, Kas., was sentenced to three months in the Platte county jail in the federal district court by Judge Arba S. Van Valkenburgh when he pleaded guilty to a charge of selling alleged fake oil stock. Raymond is alleged to have sold stock in a company which was incorporated under the laws of Delaware. Francis M. Wilson, district attorney, asked for a light sentence. He said Raymond had been a decoy used by men higher up in the deal.

On the big ranch of Waldo Wheeler in northern Henry county was staged a spectacular deer hunt on Monday in which twenty of the Wheeler herd of one hundred animals were slaughtered with all the excitement of a western hunt. Some time since, John Cafarelli, proprietor of a St. Louis

cafe, arranged to purchase twenty head of Mr. Wheeler's herd, which have run wild in a stockaded and high fenced pasture of 500 acres. The animals are as wild as in their native state, and in the hunt the same methods were used.

T. A. Cummins of Maryville and Lawrence Cummins, cashier of the Jackson Bank at Clearmont, returned Sunday night from Sedalia, where it was discovered some Liberty bonds were being disposed of bearing the numbers of the bonds taken from the Jackson Bank in their robbery. The bonds were being disposed of by C. S. Burns, a garage and taxicab man, at Sedalia, and he states the bonds were turned over to him by parties who were to pay him a commission for the sale of them. Burns said he did not know the names of the parties but could identify them. Burns was arrested on a charge of receiving stolen property and was released under \$5,000 bond.—Clearmont News.

Mrs. Annie Romaine, 714 Madison street, was severely burned Thursday by a gasoline explosion.

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